

# Annual Spring Benefit Event -A Night of Comedy-

### <u>Featuring</u> Chris Coccia/Gregory the Russian/Dan Naturman Emcee: Hilary Schwartz

(Comedians provided by Robin Fox Comedy Events – www.robinfoxcomedy.com)

### Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 8:00PM

### The Brook Arts Center 10 Hamilton Street Bound Brook, NJ

A night of PG-16 comedy. **Hilary Schwartz (Emcee)**, intelligent, dark, honest, and somehow still adorable. **Chris Coccia** is the perfect combination of hilarious material and "in the moment" crowd improvisation. **Gregory the Russian**'s credits include TV shows, national commercials, and movies with "A" list actors such as Tom Hanks. **Dan Naturman** has a self-deprecating, sharp-tongued joke style with an impeccable ability to work a crowd.

Come laugh your socks off!!

We are asking for your support. There are several ways you can contribute:

Make a donation

\* Purchase an advertisement in our program book

Purchase tickets

\* Underwrite part of the event (eg, signs, tickets, talent, etc)

Please contact our office for tickets, sponsorships, and information

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## PLEASE HELP US RAISE A RECORD AMOUNT THIS YEAR!

Family and Community of Somerset County is a 501(3)(c) non-profit agency that has been in existence since 1960. In addition to our individual and family counseling, we are licensed by the State of New Jersey to provide mental health and addictions services. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals, children, families and communities by providing professional family, mental health and addictions services and innovative community-based programs. All counseling and psychiatric services are provided on a sliding scale basis and the majority of the clients have lower fees.



#### **OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

#### **Chris Coccia**



Chris Coccia's act is a perfect combination of hilarious material and the ability to present it "in the moment". Flowing seamlessly between material and improvised interaction with the crowd, Chris is able to open the audience up as he pulls them into a shared recognition of our own human-ness. Including: the offenses of unreturned facial expressions, the plague of body hair, and the confusion of the bra sizing system. Chris keeps a full schedule working everything from the country's top comedy clubs to corporate events to colleges. In addition, Chris Coccia won this year's Purina Pet Comedy Challenge, a national event with a \$10,000.00 prize. He was also invited to be part of the Great American Comedy Festival in Johnny Carson's hometown, Norfolk, NE put together by the talent coordinator of the Late Show with

David Letterman, Eddie Brill. He has appeared on Comedy Central, The Game Show Network, and XM Radio.

#### Gregory the Russian



Gregory Korostishevsky one of the most known Russian stand-up comedians and character actors in the United States. He has appeared on various TV shows including NBC's "30 Rock", "Ed" and many times in sketches on "David Letterman" and "Conan O'Brien" shows. He has done more than 60 national commercials including "Geico", "Domino's Pizza", "Vitamin Water", "Verizon", "Oreo's", "Amstel-Lite", "BMW" and a "Sprint" Super Bowl spot. His distinctive voice can be heard on the video games "Bully" and "Grand Theft Auto IV". Gregory has also appeared in several movies, including the Academy Award- nominated film "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close", starring Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock, "Cold Souls" starring Paul Giamatti, "Two Days in NY" with Chris Rock, "Today's Special" starring Aasif Mandvi (from the "John Stewart show). Gregory performs in the hottest clubs in NYC and Tri-

State area. Based on his stand-up character, the play "Comedy and Crumbcakes" was created, produced and performed at Lincoln Center in NYC.

#### Dan Naturman



Dan's charming, self-deprecating, sharp-tongued style has made him a hit with comedy club audiences across the country. His joke telling and impeccable ability to work a crowd has a throwback quality of its own. He was the favorite of celebrity judges Drew Carey and Brett Butler on Last Comic Standing Season 2 and has made several appearances on Late Show with David Letterman and Late Nite with Conan O'Brien. He is a regular at both The Comedy Cellar and Comix in New York. On a personal note, Dan has an intense fear of intimacy and has managed to avoid closeness with another human being his entire life. He lives alone on New York's Upper East Side. While in New York, Dan performs regularly at the Comedy Cellar and Comic Strip Live.

#### Hilary Schwartz, Emcee



Ranging from personal subjects to social commentary, Hilary Schwartz's stand-up comedy is intelligent, dark, honest, and somehow still adorable. She was recently runner-up in the New York March Madness Comedy Competition. She has been heard on XM Radio and seen on MTV. Hilary has been featured in TimeOut New York, Heeb Magazine, and The Washington Post. She was selected to perform at the 2010 and 2011 Women in Comedy Festival in Boston, was a finalist in the DC Improv's comedy contest, and appeared in the long-running San Francisco show, Kung Pao Kosher Comedy. Hilary tours regularly with the critically acclaimed variety show, Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad. She has hit the road with the Obama Girls of Comedy. And she was co-producer and writer for the variety show, Urban Hee Haw, a Village Voice Choice.

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